



*Exchange Visit of the Sudanese REDD+ Colleagues in
Ethiopia National REDD+ Secretariat
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(MEFCC)*

September 2- 8 /2018, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



Introduction

- Within the frame work of the south –south exchange learning visit a delegation from the Govt of Sudan REDD Readiness program was conduct visit to Ethiopia during 2- 8 September 2018 to see and learn about what has been achieved in the area of three phases REDD+ program.
- Interest to visit Ethiopia with the aim of exchange in REDD+ knowledge and experiences in the country
- **Participants:** 16 Participants represent the Different institutions;
Ministry of Animal Resources, Ministry of Agriculture and Forest, Ministry of Finance, IFAD and FNC ,REDD+ TAC members ,Wildlife Administration and Technical NFI officer(White Nile &North Kordofan)(*see annex 1 list of participants*)



Objective

- To share experiences between Sudan and Ethiopia in mainstreaming REDD+ in the development policy agenda, land tenure, land use planning, benefit sharing and involvement of key stakeholders with a focus on the youth and gender in forest landscape management.
- To facilitate participant learning from the success and challenges during implementation of REDD+ in Ethiopia.
- To Increase the networking among the participant and staff in the region to support the development of REDD+ programm and other related activities in the field of natural resources management:
- To facilitate participants to reflect and assesses what the visit help them to do things differently in their respective Country Programs : The visit was designed to give opportunities to participants to reflect and review what they had learnt from the visit and what could have been done better to facilitate their learning.



The Programme

- Welcome address and Overview / Remarks by State Minister of Ministry of Environment , Forests and Climate Change explain the REDD+ in Ethiopia become a part of the Ethiopian Climate Resilience Green Economy Strategy.
- ❖ Historic hazards have resulted in a substantial negative impact in agriculture & the economy in general
- ❖ The vision: to achieve middle-income status by 2025 in a climate-resilient green Economy-Green Growth
- ❖ **Ethiopia's growth plan:** To follow a green growth path that fosters development and sustainability
- Followed by a visit to MRV lab in the ministry(MEFCC) where presentation delivered related to NFI, Data cleansing, data analysis and Reporting particularly focusing on National Forest inventory processes and products of NFI

- **FACILITATION:** This included:
- Power point presentations
- Plenary discussions
- Questions and answers
- Field visits
- Observations
- Intermittent energizers were used at various stages to ensure alertness of the participants.



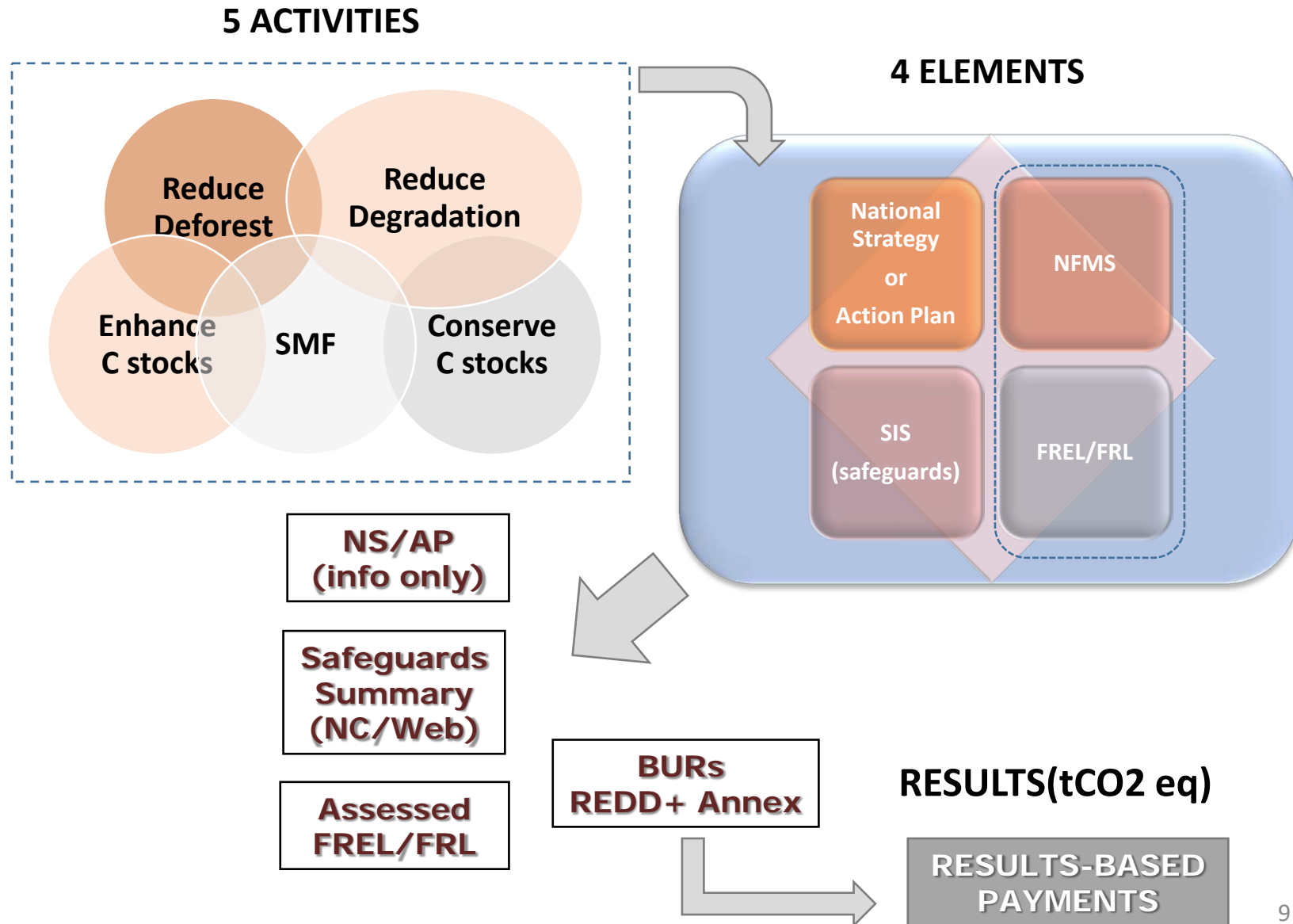
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- The Presentations delivered were in the field of ;REDD+ readiness overall implementation : (*see Annex 2 Exchange Program*)
- Overview of REDD+ Readiness in Ethiopia
- National REDD+ Strategy : Approach and Steps
- National Forest Monitoring System and FREL and
- Safeguard Approach
- Over view of REDD+ implementation programm
- The REDD readiness R-package presentation
- REDD+ management arrangement and institutions, C&P, REDD+ Communication Approach ,assessment of drivers of D&D, Legal and institutional analysis,
- Each session presented subjected to an in depth Q&A and discussions.

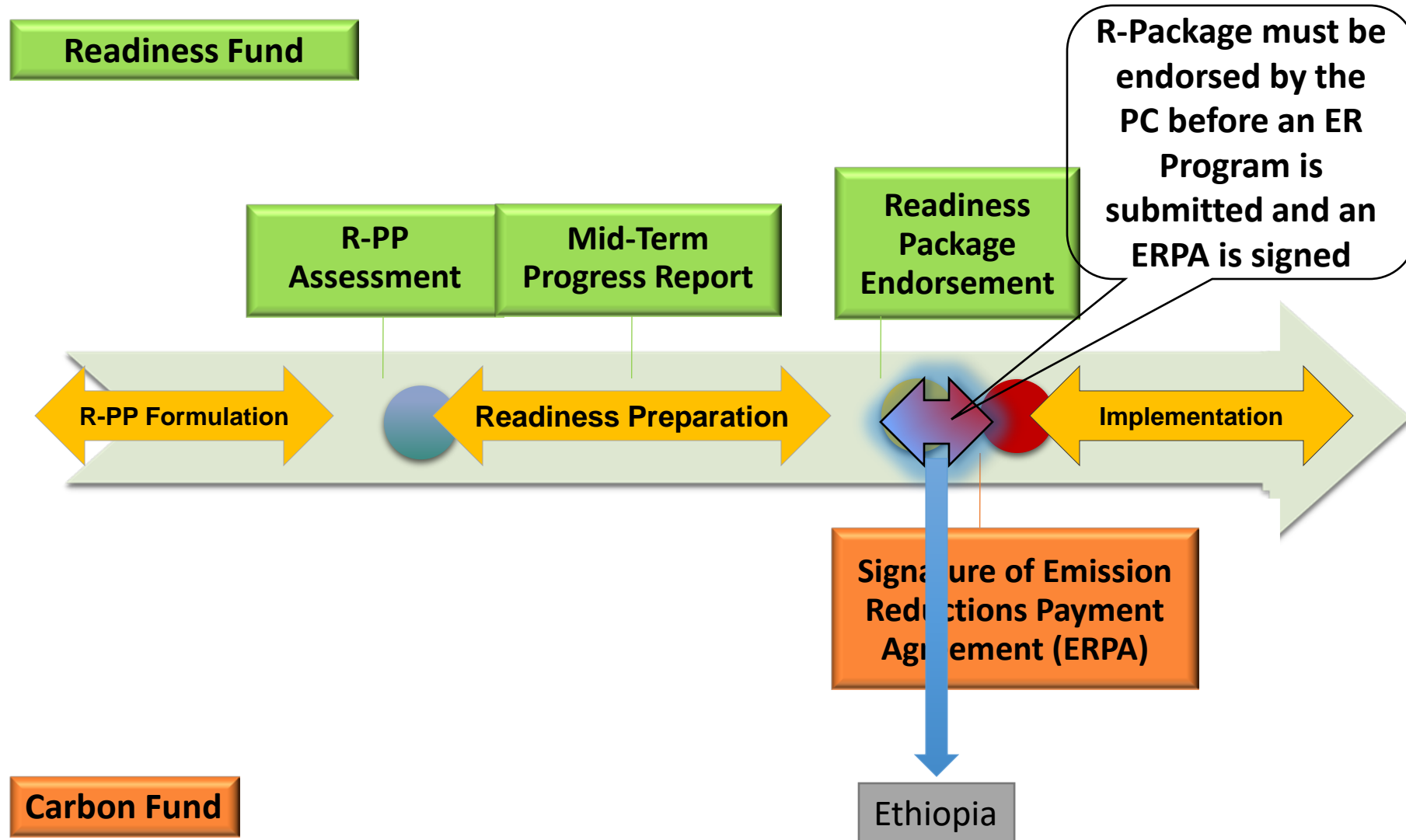
Overview of REDD+ Readiness in Ethiopia

- REDD+ Readiness Planning

Understanding and planning REDD+ (UNFCCC)



Understanding and planning REDD (FCPF)



Outcomes of the Readiness Phase

- Awareness and sensitization of the public on forestry increased (TV, radio, meetings, trainings, workshops, electronic media, etc)
- National capacity on forestry in general enhanced (materials, vehicles, equipment, skills, MRV-forest cover and change analysis, etc)
- Improved knowledge base on forest sector- assessments, analytical studies, discussions/dialogues
- Mainstreaming forestry/REDD+ in national programs
- Forest cover and stock estimates
- Improved legal framework
- Useful national documents - REDD+ strategy, Forest inventory report, forest proclamation 1065/2018 etc.



Con programme

- Sudan delegate gave general overview on Forest of Sudan and progress made on REDD + Readiness stage (which activities completed –studies – and the ongoing ones)
- The proposed programm in the three hot spot areas (criteria of selection , type of activities and beneficiaries)



Filed Visit

Field visits on models for REDD+ on the ground interventions in southern Ethiopia

- The Ethiopian REDD+ team select the Oromia region (PFM) as one of three project areas for Forest Landscape programme
- Justification of choosing this site :1- Water tower , biodiversity , coffee production , maintain other land uses and high livelihood value
- Threats : High rate of Deforestation and forest degradation









Hawassa University visit

- Visit to Hawassan university ; Wondo genet collage of Natural Resource Hawassa visited National MRV capacity building Center which provided information on NFI (Data collection ,entry cleaning, and analysis)FR EL ,
- This center provide training to the most of Ethiopia institutions related to climate change issues, on MRV
- The centre bring all academia and researchers experts to develop MRV capacity building centre that can help the Govt and private sector to provide the essential informations and Data not only in REDD+ prog but also to be use in other issues



Lessons learnt

- Capacity building of Natural Resources institutions staffs at all level on (Data management , GIS ,R.S, MRV,) lead to sound development of FREL/FRL
- Formation of Forest Association committee as a body to (the Ethiopian experience)play essential role in the FLR(piloting)
- Ethiopian experience in field Participatory Forest Management and Benefit Sharing Mechanism is a tool to conserve and protect natural forest.
- Adoption of bottom up approach in designing project program
- REDD+ Prog in Ethiopian embedded within the Climate Resilient Green Economy, CRGE Strategy with *the vision: Achieve middle-income status by 2025 in a climate-resilient green economy-Green Growth*

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- *Through good Coordination between the different institutions and line ministries , this will reflected positively on the adoptions and smooth implementation of projects .*
- *Political leadership and community involvement is strength , energy and give feeling of ownership and will contribute effectively on the implementation and leading to better results*
- Motivation of further communications and development of personal friendship between the participants , facilitators and all officers and forest user groups met were evident as a result of formal & informal discussions during the visit .

Recommendations

- To support the current work on the FREL ,SRM,MRV by FNC , capacity should be develop at System, Institution and Individuals level :
- **Analysis and Policies:** Capacity development to help implementing and executing activities prepare and implement investment plans and proposals to realise the REDD+. This requires analysis of scientific, economic and policy techniques.
- **Coordination:** Capacity development to help coordinate the process for implementing and executing activities. Coordination with all stake holders
- **Finance:** Capacity development to attract and leverage finance to ensure the facility can fund investment proposals which are strategic and transformative
- Capacity development to establish Registry, MRV, M&E to ensure that actions actually deliver results that will achieve the REDD+ Programm and these can be tracked through time following international standards & requirements
- Focusing should be made on the information needed to inform **key policy decisions** .

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- For the benefit of REDD+ PMU, FNC staff and other related partners , this presentation will be shared with them in a general meeting to be held on Wednesday **3/10/2018** at FNC Gum Arabic Conference hall

Thank You for Following